NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
July 13, 2021

1. **Call to Order**. President Chen Young, O.D. opened the telephonic meeting at 12:01 p.m. and asked for public comment. No public comments were offered.

2. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** President Chen Young, O.D., Vice President Mariah Smith, O.D., Jeff Austin, O.D., and Drew Johnson were all in attendance. Also, present were Executive Director Caren C. Jenkins, Board Counsel Asheesh Bhalla, Esq., and Licensing Specialist, Nancy Padilla. Members of public include, Steve Girisgen, O.D.

3. **Consideration and approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2021, Board meeting.** All members having had an opportunity to consider the proposed minutes, Mr. Drew Johnson moved, and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to adopt the minutes without correction. Unanimous passage.

4. **Board consideration of FY 2020-2021 Financial Report and Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022.** Executive Director Caren Jenkins reported the fiscal year-end profit and loss statement, balance sheet, and management reports. Mr. Johnson agreed to review with Caren Jenkins the allocation of the chart of accounts with the bookkeeper. Ms. Jenkins will bring proposed biennial budget to the next Board meeting and will maintain the current spending levels until the adoption of a new approved budget.

5. **Board consideration of Complaint Nos. 22-01 through ? – just and sufficient cause to proceed.** Executive Director Caren Jenkins explained the Complaints brought before the Board and asked for guidance on how to address the unauthorized third-party advertising. Dr. Johnson made a motion authorizing Executive Director Jenkins to write a letter, notifying the party with advertisements of the Board's concerns, and to highlight the issue in the next Board newsletter. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Unanimous passage.

6. **Nomination and election of President pursuant to NRS 636.080 and selection of designees for Fiscal Year 2022.**

- **President of the Board:** Dr. Chen Young moved to nominate Dr. Mariah Smith as Board President. Dr. Jeffrey Austin seconded the motion. Dr. Smith accepted the nomination.

Unanimous passage.

- **Vice-President of the Board:** Dr. Mariah Smith moved to nominate Dr. Jeffrey Austin as Vice President of the Board. Dr. Chen Young seconded the motion. Dr. Austin accepted the nomination. Unanimous passage.

- **Financial Officer:** Dr. Mariah Smith moved to nominate Mr. Drew Johnson as the Board Financial Officer. Dr. Jeffrey Austin seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson accepted the nomination. Unanimous passage.

- **Compliance Officer:** Ms. Jenkins' suggestion to elect a compliance officer was declined, because if such a role is required, the Board President has authority to appoint someone to fill that role.

7. **Symbolic passing of the gavel.** President Young congratulated the new officers and requested that Dr. Mariah Smith, the newly elected President of the Board preside. Dr. Smith led the remainder of the meeting

8. **Executive Director's quarterly licensing report.** Ms. Jenkins gave a licensing report for the quarter ending June 30, 2021. The Board added 12 licensees, 9 OPAC certificates, 3 Glaucoma certificates, 1 Substitute Optometrist, and 1 Mobile Optometry Clinic. The Board now has a total of 565 licensees as of the end of fiscal year 2021. Of the 565 licensees, 523 are active status, 41 are inactive, one formerly active licensee became deceased this quarter.

9. **Public Comment**. No public comment was offered.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. by Dr. Young, seconded by Dr. Austin. Unanimous motion carried.

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FY 2021-2022 Regular meeting schedule Tuesdays at Noon by telephone: November 11, 2021, January 27, 2022, March 24, 2022, and May 19, 2022, July 21, 2022, September 22, 2022, and November 17, 2022. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis.

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These minutes were considered and approved by majority vote of the Nevada State Board of Optometry at its meeting on November 11, 2021.

Caren C. Jenkins
Executive Director